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1954 (**MCMLIV**) was a [common year](#) starting on [Friday](#) of the [Gregorian calendar](#), the 1954th year of the [Common Era](#) (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 954th year of the [2nd millennium](#), the 54th year of the [20th century](#), and the 5th year of the [1950s decade](#).

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Events

January

- [January 1](#) – The [Soviet Union](#) ceases to demand [war reparations](#) from [West Germany](#).
- [January 3](#) – The Italian broadcaster [RAI](#) officially opens its transmissions
- [January 7](#) – [Georgetown-IBM experiment](#): The first public demonstration of a [machine translation](#) system is held in New York, at the head office of [IBM](#).
- [January 10](#) – [BOAC Flight 781](#), a [de Havilland Comet](#) jet plane, disintegrates in mid-air due to metal fatigue, and crashes in the Mediterranean near [Elba](#); all 35 people on board are killed.
- [January 12](#) – [Avalanches](#) in [Austria](#) kill more than 200.
- [January 14](#) – [Marilyn Monroe](#) marries [baseball](#) player [Joe DiMaggio](#), at [San Francisco City Hall](#).
- [January 14](#) – The [Hudson Motor Car Company](#) merges with [Nash-Kelvinator Corporation](#), forming the [American Motors Corporation](#).
- [January 15](#) – [Mau Mau](#) leader [Waruhiu Itote](#) is captured in [Kenya](#).

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	19th century · 20th century · 21st century
Decades:	1930s · 1940s · 1950s · 1960s · 1970s
Years:	1951 · 1952 · 1953 · 1954 · 1955 · 1956 · 1957

1954 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1954 <i>MCMLIV</i>
Ab urbe condita	2707
Armenian calendar	1403 ԹՎ ՌՆԳ
Assyrian calendar	6704
Bahá'í calendar	110–111
Balinese saka calendar	1875–1876
Bengali calendar	1361
Berber calendar	2904
British Regnal year	2 Eliz. 2 – 3 Eliz. 2
Buddhist calendar	2498
Burmese calendar	1316
Byzantine calendar	7462–7463
Chinese calendar	癸巳年 (Water Snake)

- January 17 – In Yugoslavia, Milovan Đilas, one of the leading members of the League of Communists of Yugoslavia, is relieved of his duties.
- January 20 – The US-based National Negro Network is established, with 46 member radio stations.
- January 21 – The first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, is launched in Groton, Connecticut, by First Lady of the United States Mamie Eisenhower.
- January 25 – The foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union meet at the Berlin Conference.

February

- February 3 – Elizabeth II becomes the first reigning monarch to visit Australia.
- February 10 – After authorizing \$385 million over the \$400 million already budgeted for military aid to Vietnam, President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower warns against his country's intervention in Vietnam.
- February 19 – 1954 transfer of Crimea: The Soviet Politburo of the Soviet Union orders the transfer the Crimean Oblast from the Russian SFSR to the Ukrainian SSR.
- February 23 – The first mass vaccination of children against polio begins in Pittsburgh, United States.
- February 23 – The patent for the original Oscar Mayer hotdog car ("Wienermobile") is published.
- February 25 – Lt. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser becomes premier of Egypt.

March

- March 1
 - U.S. officials announce that a hydrogen bomb test (Castle Bravo) has been conducted, on Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.
 - U.S. Capitol shooting incident: Four Puerto Rican nationalists open fire in the United States House of Representatives chamber and wound 5; they are apprehended by security guards.
- March 9 – American journalists Edward R. Murrow and Fred W. Friendly produce a 30-minute See It Now documentary, entitled A Report on Senator Joseph McCarthy.
- March 12 – Finland and Germany officially end their state of war.

	4650 or 4590 — to — 甲午年 (Wood Horse) 4651 or 4591
Coptic calendar	1670–1671
Discordian calendar	3120
Ethiopian calendar	1946–1947
Hebrew calendar	5714–5715
Hindu calendars	
- <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	2010–2011
- <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	1875–1876
- <i>Kali Yuga</i>	5054–5055
Holocene calendar	11954
Igbo calendar	954–955
Iranian calendar	1332–1333
Islamic calendar	1373–1374
Japanese calendar	Shōwa 29 (昭和 2 9 年)
Javanese calendar	1885–1886
Juche calendar	43
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 13 days
Korean calendar	4287
Minguo calendar	ROC 43 民國43年
Nanakshahi calendar	486
Thai solar calendar	2497
Tibetan calendar	阴水蛇年 (female Water-Snake) 2080 or 1699 or 927

- March 13 – Việt Minh forces under General Võ Nguyên Giáp began a massive artillery bombardment on the French military, beginning the Battle of Dien Bien Phu, the climactic battle of the First Indochina War.
- March 19 – Joey Giardello knocks out Willie Tiry at Madison Square Garden in the first televised boxing prize fight to be shown in colour.
- March 23 – In Vietnam, the Viet Minh capture the main airstrip of Dien Bien Phu. The remaining French Army units there are partially isolated.
- March 25
 - The 26th Academy Awards Ceremony is held.
 - The Soviet Union recognises the sovereignty of East Germany. Soviet troops remain in the country.
- March 27 – The Castle Romeo nuclear test explosion is executed at Bikini Atoll, in the Marshall Islands.
- March 28
 - The trial of A. L. Zissu and 12 other Zionist leaders ends with harsh sentences in Communist Romania.
 - Puerto Rico's first television station, WKAQ-TV, commences broadcasting.
- March 29 – A C-47 transport with French nurse Geneviève de Galard on board is wrecked on the runway at Dien Bien Phu.
- March 30 – The first operational subway line in Canada opens in Toronto.

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 阳木马年
 (male Wood-Horse)
 2081 or 1700 or
 928



January 14:
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 DiMaggio.

April

- April – Bill Haley & His Comets record "Rock Around the Clock", thus starting the rock and roll craze.
- April 1
 - The U.S. Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorize the founding of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.
 - South Point School (India) is founded, and becomes the largest school in the world by 1992.
- April 3 – Vladimir Petrov defects from the Soviet Union, and asks for political asylum in Australia.
- April 4 – Legendary symphony conductor Arturo Toscanini experiences a lapse of memory during a concert. At this concert's end, his retirement is announced, and Toscanini never conducts in public again.
- April 7 – Dwight D. Eisenhower gives his "Domino Theory" speech, during a news conference.
- April 8 – A Royal Canadian Air Force Canadair Harvard collides with a Trans-Canada Air Lines Canadair North Star over Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, killing 37 people.
- April 11
 - This day is denoted as the most boring day in the 20th century by True Knowledge, an answer engine developed by William Tunstall-Pedoe. No significant newsworthy events, births, or deaths are known to have happened on this day.^[1]
 - In a general election in Belgium, the dominant Christian Social Party wins 95 of the 212 seats in the Chamber of Representatives, and 49 of the 106 seats in the Senate. The government led by Jean Van Houtte loses their majority in parliament. The two other main

parties, the Socialist and Liberal Party, subsequently form a rare "purple" government, with Achille Van Acker as Prime Minister.

- April 14
 - Aneurin Bevan resigns from the British Labour Party's "Shadow Cabinet".
 - A Soviet spy ring in Australia is unveiled.
- April 16 – Vice President Richard Nixon announces that the United States may be “putting our own boys in Indochina regardless of Allied support”.^[2]
- April 22 – Senator Joseph McCarthy begins hearings, investigating the United States Army for being "soft" on Communism.
- April 26
 - An international conference on Korea and Indo-China opens in Geneva.
 - Akira Kurosawa's Seven Samurai is released in Japan.
- April 28 – U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles accuses Communist China of sending combat troops to Indo-China, to train the Viet Minh guerrillas.

May

- May 1 – The Unification Church is founded in South Korea.
- May 4 – General Alfredo Stroessner deposes Federico Chávez in a coup d'état in Paraguay; from August 15 he will hold the office of President until 1989.
- May 6 – Roger Bannister runs the first sub-four minute mile, in Oxford, England.
- May 7 – Vietnam War (run-up): The Battle of Dien Bien Phu ends in a French defeat (the battle began on March 13).
- May 8 – The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is formed in Manila, Philippines.
- May 11 – U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declares that Indochina is important but not essential to the security of Southeast Asia, thus ending any prospect of American intervention on the side of France.
- May 14
 - The Boeing 707 is released, after about 2 years of development.
 - The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict was adopted in The Hague, Netherlands.
- May 15 – The Latin Union (*Unión Latina*) is created by the Convention of Madrid. Its member countries use the five Romance languages: Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Romanian. It will suspend operations in 2012.
- May 17
 - *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 US 483 1954): The U.S. Supreme Court rules unanimously that segregated schools are unconstitutional.
 - The Royal Commission on the Petrov Affair in Australia begins its inquiry.
 - Adnan Menderes of the Democratic Party forms the new (21st) government of Turkey.
- May 20 – Chiang Kai-shek is re-elected as the president of the Republic of China, by the National Assembly.
- May 22 – The common Nordic Labour Market act is signed.
- May 26 – A fire on board the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Bennington, off Narragansett Bay, Massachusetts, kills 103 sailors.
- May 29

- 1954 Australian federal election: Robert Menzies' Liberal/Country Coalition Government is re-elected with a decreased majority, defeating the Labor Party led by H.V. Evatt. The election came shortly after the Petrov Affair, which arguably helped the Government survive what was initially predicted to be a defeat.
- Creation and first meeting of the Bilderberg Group.
- Diane Leather becomes the first woman to run a sub-five minute mile, in Birmingham, England.^[3]

June

- June 6 – The grand opening of the sculpture of Yuriy Dolgorukiy takes place in Moscow (this statue is one of the main monuments of Moscow).
- June 7 - British cryptanalyst, mathematician and computer scientist Alan Turing commits suicide by cyanide poisoning age 41.
- June 9 – McCarthyism: Joseph Welch, special counsel for the United States Army, lashes out at Senator Joseph McCarthy, during hearings on whether Communism has infiltrated the Army, saying, "Have you, at long last, no decency?"^[4]
- June 14 – The words "under God" are added to the United States Pledge of Allegiance.
- June 15 – The UEFA (Union of European Football Associations) is formed in Basel, Switzerland.
- June 17 – A CIA-engineered military coup occurs in Guatemala.
- June 18 – Pierre Mendès France becomes prime minister of France.
- June 22
 - Sarah Mae Flemming is expelled from a bus in South Carolina, for sitting in a white-only section.
 - Parker–Hulme murder case: Pauline Parker, 16 and her friend Juliet Hulme, 15, bludgeon Parker's mother to death using a brick, at Victoria Park in New Zealand.
- June 27
 - Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz steps down in a CIA-sponsored military coup, triggering a bloody civil war that continues for more than 35 years.
 - The world's first atomic power station opens at Obninsk, near Moscow.

July

- July 1
 - The Common Nordic Labor Market Act comes into effect.
 - The United States officially begins using the international unit of the nautical mile, equal to 6,076.11549 ft. or 1,852 meters.
- July 4
 - Food rationing in Great Britain ends, with the lifting of restrictions on sale and purchase of meat, 14 years after it began early in World War II, and nearly a decade after the war's end.
 - "Miracle of Bern": West Germany beats Hungary 3–2 to win the 1954 FIFA World Cup.
- July 10 – Peter Thomson becomes the first Australian to win the British Open Golf Championship.
- July 15

- The Boeing 367-80 (or Dash 80), prototype of the Boeing 707 series, makes its maiden flight.
- Juan Fangio, Argentine driver for German Grand Prix team Mercedes-Benz, makes a new fastest lap of the Silverstone Circuit, with an average speed of 100.35 mph, the previous record being 100.16 mph.
- July 19 – Release of Elvis Presley's first single, "That's All Right", by Sun Records (recorded July 5 in Memphis, Tennessee).
- July 21 – First Indochina War: The Geneva Conference sends French forces to the south, and Vietnamese forces to the north, of a ceasefire line, and calls for elections to decide the government for all of Vietnam by July 1956. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement leads to the establishment of the de facto regimes of North Vietnam and South Vietnam, and the Vietnam War.
- July 29 – The Fellowship of the Ring, the first of three volumes in J.R.R. Tolkien's epic fantasy novel, The Lord of the Rings, is published.
- July 31 – 1954 Italian expedition to K2: Italian mountaineers Lino Lacedelli and Achille Compagnoni become the first to reach the summit of the second highest mountain in the world.

August

- August 1 – The First Indochina War ends with the Vietnam People's Army in North Vietnam, the Vietnamese National Army in South Vietnam, the Kingdom of Cambodia in Cambodia, and the Kingdom of Laos in Laos, emerging victorious against the French Army.
- August 6 – Emilie Dionne, one of the Dionne quintuplets, dies of asphyxiation following an epileptic seizure. She is the first of the five to perish, and three of them live into the 21st century.
- August 16 – The first issue of Sports Illustrated magazine is published in the United States.
- August 23 – A United States Air Force Lockheed C-130 Hercules makes its first flight at Burbank, California, manufactured by Lockheed Martin.
- August 24 – Brazilian president Getúlio Vargas commits suicide, after being accused of involvement in a conspiracy to murder his chief political opponent, Carlos Lacerda.

September

- September 3 – The last 'new' episode of The Lone Ranger radio program is broadcast, after 2,956 episodes over a period of 21 years (reruns of old episodes continue to be transmitted).
- September 6 – The SEATO treaty is signed in Manila, Philippines.
- September 8 – The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) is established in Bangkok, Thailand.
- September 9 – A 6.7 M_w Chlef earthquake shakes northern Algeria, with a maximum Mercalli intensity of XI (*Extreme*). The shock destroys Orléansville, leaving 1,243–1,409 dead, and 5,000 injured.
- September 11 – The Miss America Pageant is broadcast on television for the first time.
- September 14
 - The Soviet Union carries out the Totskoye nuclear exercise.
 - English composer Benjamin Britten's chamber opera version of The Turn of the Screw receives its world premiere, at the Teatro La Fenice in Venice, Italy.
- September 15 – Black Wednesday in air travel: severe delays to flights, due to bad weather, occur along the East Coast of the United States.

- September 17 – William Golding's novel Lord of the Flies is published in London.
- September 25 – Footscray Football Club wins their first Australian Football League Grand Final.
- September 26 – Japanese ferry Tōya Maru sinks during a typhoon in the Tsugaru Strait. More than 1,100 people are killed, 7 other ships are wrecked, and at least nine others seriously damaged.
- September 30 – The USS Nautilus (SSN-571), the first nuclear-powered submarine in the world, is commissioned into the U.S. Navy.

October

- October 11
 - Pre-Vietnam War: The Viet Minh takes control of North Vietnam.
 - Hurricane Hazel crosses over Haiti, killing 1,000.
- October 15 – Hurricane Hazel makes U.S. landfall; it is the only recorded Category 4 hurricane to strike as far north as North Carolina
- October 18
 - Texas Instruments announces the development of the first commercial transistor radio. The Regency TR-1 goes on sale the following month.
 - The comic strip Hi and Lois, by Mort Walker and Dik Browne, is launched.
- October 20 – A dock workers' strike expands in England.
- October 23
 - West Germany joins NATO.
 - Paris Agreement sets up the Western European Union to implement the Treaty of Brussels (1948), providing for mutual self-defence and other collaboration between Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.
- October 25 – Landslides caused by heavy rains hit Salerno, Italy, killing about 300.
- October 26 – Muslim Brotherhood member Mahmoud Abdul Latif tries to kill Gamal Abdel Nasser.
- October 31 – Algerian War of Independence: The Algerian National Liberation Front begins a revolt against French rule.

November

- November 1 – The FLN attacks representative and public buildings of the French colonial power.
- November 2
 - The dock workers' strike in the UK comes to an end.
 - The radio program Hancock's Half Hour, a pioneer in situation comedy, is first broadcast on BBC Radio (a television version will follow in 1956).
- November 3 – The first Godzilla film premieres in Tokyo.
- November 5 – Japan and Burma sign a peace treaty in Rangoon, to end their long-extinct state of war.
- November 10 – U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower dedicates the USMC War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial), at the Arlington National Cemetery.

- November 12 – The main immigration port-of-entry in New York Harbor at Ellis Island closes permanently.
- November 13 – Great Britain defeats France, to capture the first ever Rugby League World Cup in Paris in front of around 30,000 spectators
- November 14 – Egyptian president Muhammad Naguib is deposed, and Gamal Abdel Nasser replaces him.
- November 22 – *Berman v. Parker* (348 U.S. 26): The U.S. Supreme Court upholds the federal slum clearance and urban renewal programs.
- November 23 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average rises 3.27 points, or 0.86 percent, closing at an all-time high of 382.74. More significantly, this is the first time the Dow has surpassed its peak level, reached just before the Wall Street Crash of 1929.
- November 30 – In Sylacauga, Alabama, a four-kilogram piece of the Hodges Meteorite crashes through the roof of a house and badly bruises a napping woman, in the first documented case of an object from outer space hitting a person.

December

- December 1 – The first Hyatt Hotel, The Hyatt House Los Angeles, opens on the grounds of Los Angeles International Airport. It is the first hotel in the world built on an airport property.
- December 2
 - Red Scare: The United States Senate votes 67–22 to condemn Joseph McCarthy, for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."
 - The Taiwan-United States Mutual Defense Treaty is signed.^[5]
- December 4 – The first Burger King opens in Miami, Florida.
- December 15 – The Netherlands Antilles is created out of the Dutch Caribbean nations. It is later dissolved between 1986 and 2010.
- December 23 – J. Hartwell Harrison and Joseph Murray perform the world's first successful kidney transplant, in Boston, Massachusetts.
- December 24 – Laos gains full independence from France.

Date titles

- New Zealand engineer Sir William Hamilton develops the first pump-jet engine (the "Hamilton Jet") capable of propelling a jetboat.^[6]
- The first electric drip brew coffeemaker is patented in Germany and named the Wigomat after its inventor Gottlob Widmann.^[7]
- The Boy Scouts of America desegregates on the basis of race.
- Gerbils (*Meriones unguiculatus*) are brought to the United States by Dr. Victor Schwentker.
- The case of Lothar Malskat, who had admitted that he had painted the supposedly antique frescoes in Marienkirche himself, goes to trial.
- The TV dinner is introduced, by American entrepreneur Gerry Thomas.
- New York City Ballet founding balletmaster George Balanchine's production of *The Nutcracker* is staged for the first time in New York City, and it became a tradition there, still being performed annually as of 2010.
- South Korea opens the Gimpo International Airport.
- In South Vietnam, the Viet Minh is reorganised into the Viet Cong.
- After the death of Joseph Stalin, the Soviet Union starts releasing political prisoners and deportees from its Gulag prison camps.

Births

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January

- January 1
 - Thomas Aisu, Ugandan physician, educator (d. 2018)
 - Djimrangar Dadnadji, 16th Prime Minister of Chad (d. 2019)
- January 2 – Henry Bonilla, American politician
- January 3 – Ross the Boss, American heavy metal/punk guitarist
- January 4
 - Tina Knowles, African-American fashion designer; mother of R&B singers Beyoncé and Solange Knowles
 - Dave "The Devilfish" Ulliott, English professional poker player
- January 5 – Alex English, American basketball player
- January 6 – Anthony Minghella, British film, theatre director (d. 2008)
- January 7
 - Jodi Long, American actress
 - José María Vitier, Cuban music composer, pianist
- January 8 – Julietta Castellanos, Honduran sociologist
- January 12 – Howard Stern, American radio host
- January 13 – Trevor Rabin, South African–American musician
- January 14
 - Tom Cheney, American cartoonist
 - Masanobu Fuchi, Japanese professional wrestler
- January 15 – Jose Dalisay, Jr., Filipino writer
- January 17 – Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., American socialite, environmental activist
- January 19
 - Ted DiBiase, American professional wrestler
 - Katey Sagal, American actress, singer (*Married...With Children*)
 - Katharina Thalbach, German actress
- January 21 – Thomas de Maizière, German politician
- January 22
 - Paul O'Brien, British chemist (d. 2018)
 - Peter Pilz, Austrian politician
- January 23
 - Franco De Vita, Venezuelan singer, songwriter
 - Greg Guidry, American singer, songwriter (d. 2003)



Tina Knowles



Howard Stern



Robert F.
Kennedy Jr.



Katey Sagal

- Edward Ka-Spel, British/Dutch singer, songwriter (*The Legendary Pink Dots*)
- January 28
 - Peter Lampe, German theologian, historian
 - Bruno Metsu, French football coach (d. 2013)
 - Kaneto Shiozawa, Japanese voice actor (d. 2000)
 - Willy Telavi, 11th Prime Minister of Tuvalu
- January 29
 - Yukinobu Hoshino, Japanese cartoonist
 - Terry Kinney, American actor
 - Oprah Winfrey, African-American actress, talk show hostess, producer, and publisher



Oprah Winfrey

February

- February 1 – Bill Mumy, American actor, musician (*Lost In Space*)
- February 2 – Christie Brinkley, American model
- February 4 – Andrei Karlov, Russian diplomat (d. 2016)
- February 7 – Dieter Bohlen, German music producer and singer-songwriter (*Modern Talking*, *Blue System*)
- February 9
 - Chris Gardner, African-American businessman, investor, stockbroker, motivational speaker, author, and philanthropist
 - Gina Rinehart, Australian mining tycoon
 - Kevin Warwick, English cybernetic scientist
- February 11 – Noriyuki Asakura, Japanese composer
- February 12
 - Philip Zimmermann, American cryptographer
 - Joseph Jordania, Georgian-Australian musicologist, academic
 - Tzimis Panousis, Greek comedian, singer, and author
- February 13 – Donnie Moore, American baseball player (d. 1989)
- February 15 – Matt Groening, American cartoonist (*The Simpsons*)
- February 16
 - Iain Banks, Scottish author (d. 2013)
 - Margaux Hemingway, American fashion model and actress (d. 1996)
- February 17
 - Rene Russo, American actress, fashion model
 - Yuji Takada, Japanese free-style wrestler
 - Brian Houston, Australian-New Zealand pastor, author and founder of Hillsong Church
- February 18
 - John Travolta, American actor
 - Jalaluddin Hassan, Malaysian actor
- February 19



Bill Mumy



Andrei Karlov



Matt Groening

- Messaouda Boubaker, Tunisian writer
- Sócrates, Brazilian footballer (d. 2011)
- February 20
 - Anthony Head, English actor, musician
 - Patty Hearst, American heiress, kidnapping victim
- February 23 – Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine
- February 24 – Sid Meier, Canadian programmer, game designer, notable for the Civilization series
- February 25 – Gerardo Pelusso, Uruguayan football manager
- February 26 – Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, 12th President of Turkey



Rene Russo



John Travolta



Anthony Head



Viktor
Yushchenko



Recep Tayyip
Erdoğan

March

- March 1
 - Peter Spellos, American actor, voice actor
 - Catherine Bach, American actress (*The Dukes of Hazzard*)
 - Ron Howard, American actor, director, producer (*The Andy Griffith Show*, *Happy Days*)
- March 2
 - Ed Johnstone, Canadian ice hockey player
 - Gara Takashima, Japanese voice actress
- March 4
 - François Fillon, Prime Minister of France
 - Catherine O'Hara, Canadian actress (*SCTV*)
 - Irina Ratushinskaya, Russian writer
 - Willie Thorne, English snooker player (d. 2020)
- March 5 – João Lourenço, President of Angola
- March 6 – Harald Schumacher, German football goalkeeper
- March 8
 - Marie-Theres Nadig, Swiss alpine skier
 - David Wilkie, Scottish former world record holder, Olympic gold medallist swimmer (1976)
- March 9
 - Bobby Sands, Irish republican hunger striker (d. 1981)
 - Kevin Wade, American screenwriter, television producer
- March 11 – Nicolae Manea, Romanian football player, manager (d. 2014)
- March 13 – The Baroness Amos, British politician
- March 15
 - Massimo Bubola, Italian singer, songwriter
 - Craig Wasson, American actor
- March 16
 - S.A. Griffin, American actor, poet

- Nancy Wilson, American rock musician
- Jimmy Nail, English singer, songwriter, actor, film producer, and television writer
- March 17 – Lesley-Anne Down, British actress
- March 18 – James F. Reilly, American astronaut
- March 19 – Indu Shahani, Indian educator, Sheriff of Mumbai
- March 20 – Louis Sachar, American author
- March 23
 - Geno Auriemma, American basketball coach
 - Hideyuki Hori, Japanese voice actor
- March 24
 - Robert Carradine, American actor
 - Donna Pescow, American actress, director (*Angie*)
- March 26
 - Wendy Fulton, American actress
 - Kazuhiko Inoue, Japanese voice actor
 - Clive Palmer, Australian mining tycoon
- March 29 – Karen Ann Quinlan, American right-to-die cause célèbre (d. 1985)



Ron Howard



François Fillon



Catherine O'Hara

April

- April 1
 - Dieter Müller, German soccer player
 - Jeff Porcaro, American drummer, songwriter (*Toto*) (d. 1992)
- April 2 – Susumu Hirasawa, Japanese musician
- April 4
 - Mary-Margaret Humes, American actress
 - Tom Ruegger, American animator, screenwriter, storyboard artist, and lyricist
- April 5
 - David Edward Maust, American serial killer (d. 2006)
 - Guy Bertrand, Canadian linguist, radio/television personality
- April 6
 - Judi Bowker, English actress
 - Michael Simms, American poet, publisher; founded *Autumn House Press*
- April 7
 - Jackie Chan, Hong Kong-born actor, martial artist
 - Tony Dorsett, American football player
- April 8 – Gary Carter, American baseball player (d. 2012)
- April 9



Robert Carradine



Jackie Chan

- Steve Holt, Canadian musician
- Dennis Quaid, American actor
- April 10
 - Anacani, Mexican-born American singer (*The Lawrence Welk Show*)
 - Angelika Hellmann, East German artistic gymnast
- April 14 – Bruce Sterling, American science fiction writer
- April 16 – Ellen Barkin, American actress
- April 17
 - Norio Imamura, Japanese voice actor
 - Roddy Piper, Canadian wrestler (d. 2015)
- April 22 – Jōji Nakata, Japanese voice actor
- April 23
 - Peter Nyombi, Ugandan lawyer, politician (d. 2018)
 - Michael Moore, American filmmaker, political activist (*Bowling for Columbine*)
- April 25
 - Sudirman Arshad, Malaysian singer, songwriter (d. 1992)
 - Randy Cross, American football player, broadcaster
- April 27 – Herman Edwards, American football head coach
- April 28
 - Michael Daugherty, American composer
 - Vic Sotto, Filipino actor, host
- April 29
 - Jake Burton Carpenter, American founder of Burton Snowboards (d. 2019)
 - Kazuko Kurosawa, Japanese costume designer
 - Jerry Seinfeld, American actor, comedian and producer (*Seinfeld*)
- April 30 – Jane Campion, New Zealand screenwriter, producer, and director



Dennis Quaid



Angelika Hellmann



Vic Sotto



Jerry Seinfeld



Johnny Logan

May

- May 1
 - Ray Parker Jr., African-American musician and composer (*Ghostbusters*)
 - Maatia Toafa, 2-time Prime Minister of Tuvalu
- May 2 – Elliot Goldenthal, American composer
- May 5 – David Azulai, Israeli politician (d. 2018)
- May 6 – Angela Hernández Nuñez, Dominican writer
- May 7
 - Philippe Geluck, Belgian cartoonist
 - Amy Heckerling, American film director
 - Diana Raab, American author

- May 8 – Pam Arciero, Hawaiian-born puppeteer (*Sesame Street*)
- May 10 – Amos Guttman, Israeli film director (d. 1993)
- May 13 – Johnny Logan, Australian-born Irish singer, composer and Eurovision Song Contest winner (1980, 1987) dubbed as "Mister Eurovision"
- May 14
 - María Dolores Katarain ("Yoyes"), Spanish Basque separatist leader (d. 1986)
 - Peter J. Ratcliffe, English cellular biologist, Nobel Prize laureate
- May 19
 - Hōchū Ōtsuka, Japanese voice actor
 - Phil Rudd, Australian rock drummer (*AC/DC*)
- May 20 – David Paterson, American politician, 55th Governor of New York
- May 22 – Shuji Nakamura, Japanese electronics engineer
- May 25
 - Sudirman, Malaysian singer and songwriter (d. 1992)
 - Tantely Andrianarivo, 11th Prime Minister of Madagascar
- May 27
 - Pauline Hanson, Australian politician
 - Lawrence M. Krauss, American theoretical physicist, science writer
 - Coney Reyes, Philippine film and television actress
- May 28 – John Tory, Canadian politician
- May 29 – Pankaj Kapur, Indian actor



David Paterson



Townsend
Coleman

June

- June 2
 - Mattos Nascimento, Brazilian musician, singer, composer and trombonist
 - Dennis Haysbert, African-American actor
 - Chiyoeko Kawashima, retired Japanese voice actress
- June 4 – Kazuhiro Yamaji, Japanese actor, voice actor
- June 5
 - Hashim Djojohadikusumo, Indonesian entrepreneur, politician
 - Nancy Stafford, American actress, Christian author
- June 6 – Harvey Fierstein, American actor
- June 9
 - John Hagelin, American physicist, U.S. presidential candidate
 - Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada
- June 10 – Kurt Walker, American ice hockey player (d. 2018)
- June 14 – Will Patton, American actor
- June 15



Dennis
Haysbert

- Jim Belushi, American actor, comedian, singer and musician
- Bob McDonnell, American politician
- June 16 – Sergey Kuryokhin, Russian pianist, composer, improviser, performance artist and actor (d. 1996)
- June 19
 - Ted Coombs, American artist
 - Kathleen Turner, American actress (*Romancing the Stone*)
- June 20
 - Michael Anthony, American rock bassist (*Van Halen*)
 - Karlheinz Brandenburg, German electrical engineer, mathematician
 - Ilan Ramon, Israeli Air Force fighter pilot, Israel's first astronaut (d. 2003)
- June 21
 - Mark Kimmitt, U.S general
 - Chip Ingram, Christian pastor, author, and orator
 - Jim Tooley, American actor
 - Anne Kirkbride, British actress (*Coronation Street*) (d. 2015)
 - Robert Pastorelli, American actor (d. 2004)
- June 22
 - Chris Lemmon, American actor, author
 - Freddie Prinze, American actor, comedian (*Chico and the Man*) (d. 1977)
- June 23
 - James Plaskitt, British politician
 - Francisco Javier Cuadra, Chilean lawyer, academic, and politician
- June 24 – Chang San-cheng, Taiwanese politician
- June 25
 - Luiz Carlos Vasconcelos, Brazilian actor
 - Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States
 - Igor Lisovsky, Soviet pair skater
 - Abderrazak Kilani, Tunisian politician, lawyer
- June 26 – Steve Barton, American actor (d. 2001)
- June 27
 - Ron Kirk, Mayor of Dallas, Texas
 - Anita Zagaria, Italian actress
- June 28
 - Daniel Dantas, Brazilian actor
 - Ava Barber, American country singer (*The Lawrence Welk Show*)
 - Alice Krige, South African actress and producer
- June 29
 - Jai Jagadish, Indian film actor, director and producer



Harvey
Fierstein



Jim Belushi



Kathleen Turner



Michael
Anthony

- Rick Honeycutt, American baseball player, coach
- June 30
 - Serzh Sargsyan, President of Armenia
 - Stephen Ouimette, Canadian actor, director
 - Mohammad A. Quayum, Bangladeshi academic, writer, editor, critic and translator
 - Wayne Swan, Australian politician
 - Pierre Charles, Prime Minister of Dominica (d. 2004)



Freddie Prinze

July

- July 1
 - Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, Somali politician
 - Pedro Guastavino, Argentine politician
 - Lawrence Gonzi, Maltese politician and lawyer
 - Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, Iraqi-Iranian military commander (d. 2020)
- July 2
 - Ludmila Aslanian, Armenian chess player
 - Peter Randall-Page, British artist
 - Wendy Schaal, American actress
- July 3 – Pennie Lane Trumbull, American socialite, philanthropist, businesswoman, and entrepreneur
- July 4 – Anne Lambton, British actress
- July 5
 - Don Stark, American actor
 - John Wright, New Zealand cricket captain
- July 6 – Willie Randolph, American baseball player, coach, manager
- July 7
 - Robert M. Price, American theologian and writer, Cthulhu Mythos scholar and editor
 - Simon Anderson, Australian competitive surfer, surfboard shaper, and writer
 - Ursula Stephens, Australian politician
- July 8
 - David Aaronovitch, English journalist, television presenter and author
 - Matthew Marsh, English actor
- July 9 – Kevin O'Leary, Canadian businessman, television personality, and political candidate
- July 10
 - Andre Dawson, American baseball player
 - Michele Serra, Italian writer, journalist and satirist
 - Neil Tennant, British singer-songwriter, musician and journalist (Pet Shop Boys)



Andre Dawson



Mario Kempes



Angela Merkel



Edward Natapei

- Yō Yoshimura, Japanese voice actor (d. 1991)
- José González Ganoza, Peruvian footballer (d. 1987)
- July 11 – Alejandro Camacho, Mexican actor and producer
- July 12
 - Eric Adams, American singer
 - Lisa Pelikan, American actress
 - Paulo Saldiva, Brazilian professor, physician, pathologist and medical researcher
- July 13 – Sezen Aksu, Turkish singer
- July 15
 - Tarak Dhiab, Tunisian footballer
 - John Ferguson, Australian rugby league player
 - Mario Kempes, Argentine footballer
 - Jeff Jarvis, American journalist, professor, public speaker and television critic
- July 16
 - Nicholas Frankau, English actor
 - Jeanette Mott Oxford, American politician
- July 17
 - Angela Merkel, 8th Chancellor of Germany
 - Richard Bekins, American actor
 - Edward Natapei, Vanuatu politician and Prime Minister of Vanuatu (d. 2015)
 - Eduardo Romero, Argentine golfer
 - J. Michael Straczynski, American author
- July 18 – Franziska Troegner, German actress
- July 19 – Verica Kalanović, Serbian politician
- July 20
 - Lo Ta-yu, Taiwanese singer and songwriter
 - Nguyễn Xuân Phúc, Vietnamese politician; Prime Minister of Vietnam
 - Wilson Casey, American syndicated columnist and entertainer
- July 21 – Otto Jespersen, Norwegian comedian, actor and television personality
- July 22 – Pierre Lebeau, Canadian actor
- July 24
 - Michael H. O'Brien, American politician (d. 2018)
 - Jorge Jesus, Portuguese football player and coach
- July 25 – Walter Payton, African-American football player (d. 1999)
- July 26
 - Vitas Gerulaitis, American tennis player (d. 1994)
 - Leonardo Daniel, Mexican actor and director
- July 27
 - Philippe Alliot, French race car driver



Eduardo
Romero



Jorge Jesus



Hugo Chávez

- Lynne Frederick, British actress (d. 1994)
- July 28 – Hugo Chávez, President of Venezuela (d. 2013)
- July 29 – Mark Gersmehl, American Christian musician

August

- August 1
 - Philip Trenary, American businessman (d. 2018)
 - Michael Badnarik, American software engineer and presidential candidate
 - James Gleick, American non fiction author of several award-winning books.
 - Junpei Morita, Japanese actor and voice actor
- August 2 – David Tang, Hong Kong-British entrepreneur and philanthropist (d. 2017)
- August 4
 - Dorottya Udvaros, Hungarian actress
 - François Valéry, French singer-songwriter and composer
 - Uwe Wittwer, Swiss artist
- August 7 – Susanna Javicoli, Italian actress (d. 2005)
- August 9 – Pete Thomas, British drummer for the Elvis Costello band
- August 11 – Joe Jackson, British singer-songwriter (*Steppin' Out*)
- August 12
 - François Hollande, President of France 2012–17
 - Sam J. Jones, American actor
 - Pat Metheny, American jazz guitarist
- August 13
 - Nico Assumpção, Brazilian bass guitar player (d. 2001)
 - Tõnu Kilgas, Estonian singer and actor
- August 14
 - Mark Fidrych, American baseball player (d. 2009)
 - Stanley A. McChrystal, U.S. Army general
- August 16 – James Cameron, Canadian-born film director
- August 17
 - Anatoly Kudryavitsky, Russian-Irish writer
 - Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of Colombia
- August 20
 - Tawn Mastrey, American disc jockey and music video producer (d. 2007)
 - Al Roker, American television personality and host
 - Richarda Schmeisser, East German artistic gymnast
- August 21



François
Hollande



James
Cameron



Andrés
Pastrana
Arango



Al Roker

- Steve Smith, American drummer
- Ivan Stang, American author and publisher
- August 22 – Jay Patterson, American actor
- August 23
 - Ian Bartholomew, English actor
 - Charles Busch, American director, writer and actor
 - Halimah Yacob, 8th President of Singapore
- August 24
 - Joe Ochman, American actor and voice actor
 - Philippe Cataldo, French singer
- August 25
 - Bruno Manser, Swiss environmental activist (d. 2005)
 - Elvis Costello, English singer-songwriter
- August 29 – István Cserhádi, Hungarian keyboardist (d. 2005)
- August 30 – Alexander Lukashenko, President of Belarus
- August 31
 - Robert Kocharyan, President of Armenia
 - Caroline Cossey, British model



Halimah Yacob



Alexander
Lukashenko

September

- September 1 – Dave Lumley, Canadian ice hockey player
- September 2
 - Vance DeGeneres, American actor
 - Andrej Babiš, Czech entrepreneur and politician, 12th Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
 - Gai Waterhouse, Australian racehorse trainer
 - Humberto Zurita, Mexican actor, director and producer
- September 5 – Danny Masterton, Scottish footballer (d. 2020)
- September 6 – Carly Fiorina, American businesswoman, CEO of HP (1999-2005) and Senator Ted Cruz's running mate in the 2016 presidential election
- September 7
 - Francisco Guterres, 4th President of East Timor
 - Michael Emerson, American actor
- September 9 – Mohsen Rezaee, Iranian politician
- September 10 – Mark W. Everson, American businessman; 46th Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (2003–07)
- September 13 – Steve Kilbey, Australian musician
- September 14 – Buzz Schneider, American professional ice hockey player
- September 15 – Nava Semel, Israeli author and playwright (d. 2017)
- September 16 – Ashrita Furman, American record breaker
- September 17



Carly Fiorina



Shinzō Abe

- Wayne Krenchicki, American baseball player (d. 2018)
- Joël-François Durand, French composer
- September 18 – Dennis Johnson, American basketball player (d. 2007)
- September 21
 - Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan
 - Thomas S. Ray, American ecologist
 - Cass Sunstein, American legal scholar
 - Phil "Philthy Animal" Taylor, English drummer (Motörhead and Waysted)
- September 23 – Cherie Blair, lawyer, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair
- September 24 – Lilian Mercedes Letona, Salvadoran guerrilla (d. 1983)
- September 26 – Kevin Kennedy, American baseball manager and television host
- September 28 – Steve Largent, American football player and congressman
- September 29 – Cindy Morgan, American actress
- September 30 – Barry Williams, American actor



Cherie Blair

October

- October 1 – Martin Strel, Slovenian swimmer
- October 2 – Wong Tien Fatt, Malaysian politician (d. 2019)
- October 3
 - Eddie DeGarmo, American Christian keyboardist and producer
 - Dennis Eckersley, American baseball player
 - Al Sharpton, African-American civil rights activist, minister and radio talk show host
 - Stevie Ray Vaughan, American musician (d. 1990)
- October 5
 - Gurudas Kamat, Indian politician (d. 2018)
 - Wayne Watson, American Christian musician
- October 6 – Howard Hoffman, American voice actor
- October 7 – Robert A. Schuller, American televangelist and the son of Robert Schuller
- October 9
 - Scott Bakula, American actor (*Quantum Leap*, *Star Trek: Enterprise*)
 - John O'Hurley, American actor and game show host
- October 10
 - Mohamed Mounir, Egyptian singer and actor
 - David Lee Roth, American rock singer
- October 12 – Linval Thompson, Jamaican singer and producer
- October 13 – Mordechai Vanunu, a former Israeli nuclear technician who revealed secrets of its nuclear weapons program
- October 14 – Mohamad Sabu, Malaysian politician
- October 15



Al Sharpton



Scott Bakula

- Peter Bakowski, Australian poet
- Michael Garner, English actor
- October 18 – Yūji Mitsuya, Japanese voice actor
- October 19
 - Ken Stott, Scottish actor
 - Ronnie Leitch, Sri Lankan singer and actor (d. 2018)
- October 21 – Brian Tobin, sixth Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- October 22 – Ellen Gerstell, American voice actress
- October 23 – Ang Lee, Taiwanese film director
- October 24
 - Doug Davidson, American actor
 - Mike Rounds, South Dakota politician
 - Malcolm Turnbull, 28th Prime Minister of Australia
- October 25
 - Laxmikant Berde, Indian actor (d. 2004)
 - Mike Eruzione, American ice hockey player
- October 26
 - Farit Ismeth Emir, Malaysian news anchor (d. 2020)
 - Carlos Agostinho do Rosário, Mozambican politician
 - Victor Ciorbea, 56th Prime Minister of Romania
- October 30
 - Kathleen Cody, American actress
 - Mario Testino, Peruvian photographer



David Lee Roth



Ken Stott



Ang Lee

November

- November 2 – Angela Webber, Australian author, television writer, producer and comedian (d. 2007)
- November 3
 - Adam Ant, British rock singer and musician
 - Brigitte Lin, Taiwanese actress
 - Kathy Kinney, American actress and comedian
- November 5 – Mike Gabriel, American animator and film producer
- November 6 – Karin Fossum, Norwegian crime fiction writer
- November 7
 - Robin Beck, American singer
 - Kamal Haasan, Indian actor, dancer, film director, screenwriter, producer and politician
 - Jon Taffer, American bar consultant, television host and author
- November 8
 - Michael D. Brown, first Undersecretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response, a division of the United States' Department of Homeland Security
 - Kazuo Ishiguro, Japanese-born British author, Nobel Prize laureate



Malcolm
Turnbull

- November 11 – Mary Gaitskill, American novelist
- November 12 – Rhonda Shear, American television hostess, actress and comedian
- November 13 – Chris Noth, American actor
- November 14
 - Yanni, Greek musician
 - Robert Alberts, Dutch footballer and manager of Persib Bandung
 - Willie Hernández, Puerto Rican Major League Baseball player
 - Bernard Hinault, French road bicycle racer
 - Condoleezza Rice, American politician, 66th United States Secretary of State
- November 15
 - Stephen W. Burns, American actor (d. 1990)
 - Aleksander Kwaśniewski, President of Poland
- November 16 – Bruce Edwards, American golf caddy (d. 2004)
- November 19 – Kathleen Quinlan, American actress
- November 20
 - Bin Shimada, Japanese voice actor
 - Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, President of Egypt
- November 22 – Paolo Gentiloni, Prime Minister of Italy
- November 23
 - Elizabeth Savalla, Brazilian actress
 - Bruce Hornsby, American rock singer
- November 26
 - Roz Chast, American cartoonist
 - Dan Kwong, American performance artist and playwright
- November 27
 - Patricia McPherson, American actress
 - Kimmy Robertson, American actress
- November 28 – Marty Grabstein, American actor and voice actor
- November 29 – Joel Coen, American film director, producer, screenwriter and editor



Kamal Haasan



Condoleezza Rice



Aleksander Kwaśniewski



Paolo Gentiloni

December

- December 1 – Bob Goen, American television personality and game show host
- December 2
 - Dan Butler, American actor
 - Stone Phillips, American television journalist
- December 3 – Grace Andreacchi, American author
- December 4 – Tony Todd, American actor and producer
- December 6 – Beat Furrer, Swiss-born Austrian composer and conductor

- December 7 – Mark Hofmann, American forger and murderer
- December 8 – Sumi Shimamoto, Japanese voice actress
- December 9 – Jean-Claude Juncker, Luxembourg politician
- December 10 – Jack Hues, English singer and musician (Wang Chung)
- December 11
 - Sylvester Clarke, West Indian cricketer (d. 1999)
 - Jermaine Jackson, African-American singer and actor
 - Prachanda, Nepalese Communist leader
- December 13 – John Anderson, American country music singer-songwriter
- December 14
 - Ib Andersen, Danish dancer
 - Alan Kulwicki, American race car driver (d. 1993)
- December 15 – Mark Warner, American politician
- December 18
 - Ray Liotta, American actor
 - Uli Jon Roth, German rock guitarist (*Scorpions*)
- December 20
 - Binali Yildirim, Prime Minister of Turkey
 - Sandra Cisneros, American writer
- December 21 – Chris Evert, American tennis player
- December 24 – José María Figueres, Costa Rican politician, President (1994–1998)
- December 25
 - Roman Baskin, Estonian actor and director of stage and screen (d. 2018)
 - Annie Lennox, British rock musician and was lead singer of Eurythmics
- December 26
 - Susan Butcher, American dog-sled racer (d. 2006)
 - Ozzie Smith, HOF baseball shortstop
- December 28
 - Gayle King, African-American television personality, journalist, and author
 - Lanny Poffo, American professional wrestler
 - Denzel Washington, African-American actor
- December 29
 - Wang Huanyu, Chinese astrophysicist (d. 2018)
 - Albrecht Böttcher, German mathematician
 - Roger Voudouris, American singer-songwriter and guitarist (d. 2003)
- December 31 – Alex Salmond, Scottish politician



Tony Todd



Jermaine Jackson



Ray Liotta



Denzel Washington

Deaths

January

- January 5
 - Rabbit Maranville, American baseball player (Boston Braves) and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1891)
 - Lillian Rich, English actress (b. 1900)
- January 8 – Eduard Wiiralt, Estonian artist (b. 1898)
- January 11
 - John Simon, 1st Viscount Simon, British politician (b. 1873)
 - Oscar Straus, Austrian composer (b. 1870)
- January 12
 - William H. P. Blandy, American admiral (b. 1890)
 - Elmer H. Geran, American politician (b. 1875)
- January 18 – Sydney Greenstreet, English actor (b. 1879)
- January 20 – Fred Root, English cricketer (b. 1890)
- January 30
 - John Murray Anderson, Canadian theater director and producer (b. 1886)
 - Dorothy Price, Irish physician (b. 1890)
- January 31
 - Edwin Armstrong, American electrical engineer (b. 1890)
 - Florence Bates, American actress (b. 1888)

February

- February 6 – Maxwell Bodenheim, American poet and novelist (murdered) (b. 1892)
- February 8 – Laurence Trimble, American actor (b. 1885)
- February 9 – Mabel Paige, American actress (b. 1880)
- February 11 – Thomas Pierrepont, British executioner (b. 1870)
- February 12 – Dziga Vertov, Russian filmmaker (b. 1896)
- February 19 – Axel Pehrsson-Bramstorp, 24th Prime Minister of Sweden (b. 1883)
- February 21 – William K. Howard, American film director (b. 1899)

March

- March 7
 - Otto Diels, German chemist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1876)
 - Will H. Hays, Namesake for the Hays Code (b. 1879)
- March 9 – Vagn Walfrid Ekman, Swedish oceanographer (b. 1874)
- March 13 – Cesar Klein, German painter (b. 1876)
- March 24 – Thành Thái, former Emperor of Vietnam (b. 1879)
- March 26 – Louis Silvers, American film composer (b. 1889)
- March 30
 - Horatio Dresser, American writer (b. 1866)

- Agustín Aragón León, Mexican politician, educator, and philosopher (b. 1870)
- Fritz London, German physicist (b. 1900)



Otto Diels

April

- April 2
 - Hoyt Vandenberg, U.S. Air Force general (b. 1899)
 - Maud Barger-Wallach, American tennis player (b. 1870)
- April 7 – Saburō Kurusu, Japanese diplomat (b. 1886)
- April 8 – Fritzi Scheff, American actress and singer (b. 1879)
- April 10 – Auguste Lumière, French film pioneer (b. 1862)
- April 12 – Luis Cabrera Lobato, Mexican lawyer, politician and writer (b. 1876)
- April 13 – Angus L. Macdonald, Nova Scotia Premier (b. 1890)
- April 17 – Lucrețiu Pătrășcanu, Romanian communist activist and sociologist (b. 1900)
- April 27 – Antoni Bolesław Dobrowolski, Polish scientist and explorer who participated in the Belgian Antarctic expedition (b. 1872)^[8]
- April 28 – Léon Jouhaux, French labor leader, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize (b. 1879)
- April 29
 - Kathleen Clarice Groom, British writer (b. 1872)
 - Joe May, Austrian-born director (b. 1880)

May

- May 1 – Tom Tyler, American actor (b. 1903)
- May 3 – Józef Garbień, Polish footballer and physician (b. 1896)
- May 5 – Henri Laurens, French sculptor and illustrator (b. 1885)
- May 6 – B. C. Forbes, Scottish-born publisher (b. 1880)
- May 14 – Heinz Guderian, German World War II general (b. 1888)
- May 15 – William March, American writer and soldier (b. 1893)
- May 19 – Charles Ives, American composer (b. 1874)
- May 22 – Chief Bender, Native-American baseball player (Philadelphia Athletics) and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1884)
- May 25 – Robert Capa, Hungarian-born photojournalist (b. 1913)
- May 26 – Omer Nishani, former Chairman of the Presidium of the People's Assembly and head of State of Albania (b. 1887)

June

- June 7 – Alan Turing, British mathematician, cryptanalyst, and pioneer computer scientist, father of computers (b. 1912)
- June 9 – Alain LeRoy Locke, American writer, philosopher and educator (b. 1885)
- June 21 – Harvey A. Carr, American psychologists (b. 1873)
- June 22 – Don Hollenbeck, American newscaster (b. 1905)
- June 24 – Thomas Denman, 3rd Baron Denman, 5th Governor-General of Australia (b. 1874)

- June 27 – Alfredo Versoza, Filipino Roman Catholic bishop and Servant of God (b. 1877)
- June 30 – Andrass Samuelsen, 1st Prime Minister of Faroe Islands (b. 1873)

July

- July 1
 - Thea von Harbou, German actress (b. 1888)
 - Tomás Monje, 48th President of Bolivia (b. 1884)
- July 3 – Reginald Marsh, American painter (b. 1898)
- July 4 – Maria Ripamonti, Italian Roman Catholic and a professed religious from the Ancelle della carità (b. 1909)
- July 6
 - Gabriel Pascal, Hungarian-born film producer and director (b. 1894)
 - Cornelia Sorabji, Indian-born lawyer (b. 1866)
- July 11 – Henry Valentine Knaggs, English physician and author (b. 1859)
- July 13
 - Frida Kahlo, Mexican painter (b. 1907)
 - Irving Pichel, American actor and director (b. 1891)
 - Grantland Rice, American sportswriter (b. 1880)
- July 14
 - Jacinto Benavente, Spanish dramatist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1866)
 - Jackie Saunders, American silent screen actress (b. 1892)
- July 16 – Herms Niel, German composer (b. 1888)
- July 17 – Machine Gun Kelly, American gangster (b. 1895)
- July 19 – Hannes Meyer, Swiss architect (b. 1889)
- July 28 – Sōjin Kamiyama or "Sojin", Japanese film star during the American silent film era (b. 1884)
- July 29 – Coen de Koning, Dutch speed skater (b. 1879)
- July 31 – Princess Antonia of Luxembourg, Luxembourg aristocrat (b. 1899)



Alan Turing



Frida Kahlo

August

- August 3
 - Bess Streeter Aldrich, American writer (b. 1881)
 - Colette, French novelist (b. 1873)
- August 14 – Hugo Eckener, President of the Zeppelin Dirigible Company (b. 1868)
- August 19 – Alcide De Gasperi, Italian statesman and Christian Democracy politician, 30th Prime Minister of Italy (b. 1881)
- August 21 – Marin Ceașu, Romanian general (b. 1891)



Alcide de Gasperi

- August 24 – Getúlio Vargas, 14th and 17th President of Brazil (suicide) (b. 1882)
- August 31 – Elsa Barker, American writer (b. 1869)

September

- September 1 – Bert Acosta, American aviator (b. 1895)
- September 2 – Franz Leopold Neumann, German- political activist and Marxist theorist (b. 1900)
- September 3 – Eugene Pallette, American actor (b. 1889)
- September 5 – Eugen Schiffer, German politician (b. 1860)
- September 6 – Edward C. Kalbfus, American admiral (b. 1877)
- September 7
 - Bud Fisher, American cartoonist (b. 1885)
 - Glenn Scobey Warner, American college football coach (b. 1871)
- September 8 – André Derain, French artist, painter and sculptor (b. 1880)
- September 20 – Washington Phillips, American gospel singer and instrumentalist (b. 1880)
- September 21 – Mikimoto Kōkichi, Japanese pearl farm pioneer (b. 1858)
- September 24 – Edward Pilgrim, British homeowner (suicide) (b. 1904)
- September 25 – Eugenio d'Ors, Spanish writer (b. 1881)
- September 26 – Ellen Roosevelt, American tennis player (b. 1868)
- September 27 – Maximilian von Weichs, German field marshal (b. 1881)
- September 28 – Bert Lytell, American actor (b. 1885)
- September 29 – Martin Wetzer, Finnish general (b. 1868)



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Washington Phillips

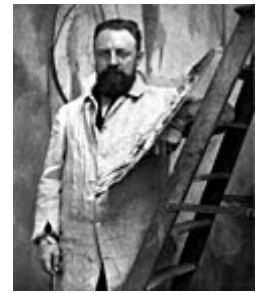
October

- October 1 – René Le Senne, French philosopher and psychologist (b. 1882)
- October 9 – Robert H. Jackson, United States Supreme Court associate justice and chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials (b. 1892)
- October 12 – George Welch, American aviator (b. 1918)
- October 18 – Mieczysław Norwid-Neugebauer, Polish general and politician (b. 1884)
- October 19 – Hugh Duffy, American baseball player (Boston Braves) and a member of the MLB Hall of Fame (b. 1866)
- October 22 – Jibanananda Das, Indian poet, writer, novelist and essayist in Bengali (b. 1899)
- October 30 – Wilbur Shaw, American racing driver (b. 1902)

November

- November 3 – Henri Matisse, French painter (b. 1869)
- November 10 – Édouard Le Roy, French philosopher and mathematician (b. 1870)
- November 13 – Paul Ludwig Ewald von Kleist, German field marshal (b. 1881)
- November 15 – Lionel Barrymore, American actor (b. 1878)
- November 16 – Albert Francis Blakeslee, American botanist (b. 1874)
- November 17
 - Ludovic Dauș, Romanian novelist and playwright (b. 1873)

- Yitzhak Lamdan, Russian-born Israeli poet and columnist (b. 1899)
- November 20 – Clyde Cessna, American aviator and aircraft designer and manufacturer, founder of the Cessna Aircraft Corporation (b. 1879)
- November 22
 - Roderick McMahon, American professional boxing and wrestling promoter; founder of Capitol Wrestling Corporation (b. 1882)
 - Moroni Olsen, American actor (b. 1889)
 - Andrey Vyshinsky, Russian jurist and diplomat, former Soviet Foreign Minister (b. 1883)
- November 28 – Enrico Fermi, Italian physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1901)
- November 29 – Dink Johnson, American musician (b. 1892)
- November 30 – Wilhelm Furtwängler, German conductor (b. 1886)



Henri Matisse



Lionel Barrymore



Enrico Fermi

December

- December 1 – Fred Rose, American songwriter (b. 1898)
- December 5 – Cristian Vasquez, Dominicano (b. 1954)
- December 8
 - Claude Cahun, French photographer and writer (b. 1894)
 - Gladys George, American actress (b. 1904)
- December 20 – James Hilton, English novelist (b. 1900)
- December 23 – René Iché, French sculptor (b. 1897)
- December 25 – Ioan Arbore, Romanian general (b. 1892)
- December 27 – Adolph Otto Niedner, American cartridge designer (b. 1863)
- December 30
 - Archduke Eugen of Austria, Austrian field marshal (b. 1863)
 - Günther Quandt, German industrialist who founded an industrial empire that today includes BMW and Altana (b. 1881)



Wilhelm
Furtwängler

Nobel Prizes

- Physics – Max Born, Walther Bothe
- Chemistry – Linus Pauling
- Medicine – John Franklin Enders, Thomas Huckle Weller, Frederick Chapman Robbins
- Literature – Ernest Hemingway
- Peace – The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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